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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local Health Officers

FROM: Judy Monroe, MD
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DATE: October 9, 2009

RE: Authorization for PPE & Antiviral Usage

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise Local Health Officers and local health departments as to the authorized uses of personal protective equipment (PPE) and antiviral medication received from the Indiana State Department of Health from the Strategic National Stockpile.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

The Local Health Officer may release and distribute stockpiled personal protective equipment at his/her discretion in accordance with the following:

- (1) Release may be made of stockpiled PPE due to shortages in the community's commercial supply.
- (2) Recipients of stockpiled PPE due to shortages in the community's commercial supply should be health care providers or emergency medical services personnel performing direct patient care.

Specified N95 respirators should be utilized in accordance with applicable Emergency Use Authorizations (EUA) issued by the Food & Drug Administration (FDA). See <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/eua/n95.htm> for further information. Recall that liability protections afforded by the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness (PREP) Act may be affected if states and local jurisdictions do not distribute or utilize the specified N95 respirators in accordance with the scope and conditions of the EUA.

ANTIVIRAL MEDICATION

The Local Health Officer may distribute or dispense stockpiled antivirals (e.g. - Tamiflu® suspension or capsules) at his/her discretion in accordance with the following:

- (1) Uninsured, underinsured, and indigent persons without the means to pay for a prescription may be dispensed stockpiled antivirals.
- (2) Release may be made of stockpiled antivirals due to shortages in the community's commercial supply regardless of an individual's ability to pay for a prescription.
- (3) The dispensing of the stockpiled antivirals shall occur only in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control's (CDC) "Updated Interim Recommendations for the Use of Antiviral Medications in the Treatment and Prevention of Influenza for the 2009-10 Season", as updated by the CDC, located at: <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/recommendations.htm>.

Stockpiled antivirals should be used in accordance with applicable Emergency Use Authorizations (EUA) issued by the Food & Drug Administration (FDA). See: <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/eua/> for further information. Recall that if states and local jurisdictions do not distribute or dispense the antivirals in accordance with state and local law and with the scope and conditions of the Emergency Use Authorizations (EUA), liability protections afforded by the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness (PREP) Act may be affected.

Remember that the stockpiled antivirals and PPE in your possession represent 25% of the total quantity of antivirals and PPE reserved for your jurisdiction by the federal government. It is imperative that we are good stewards of these emergency supplies and resources. Great care should be taken by Local Health Officers and local health departments in the release and use of these materials. Inventory tracking is of the utmost importance. Please notify your District Team Lead when your local health department's stockpile of either PPE or antivirals decreases to 25% of that distributed to date.